Notes for meeting with ROH 27 February 1989

HERE TO SECURE A COMMITMENT THAT ROYAL OTTAWA HOSPITAL WILL UNDERAKE TO FIND THOSE PEOPLE WHOSE PSCYHIATRIC ILLNESS IS CAUSED OR SEVERELY EXACERBATED BY ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY

hyperactive kid
mischevious++
doing things couldn't understand why done them
peer rejection
authority repression
socializing problems
mood swings
depression, anxiety
vertigo

counselling, psychiatrist
something physical
anxiety attacks
periods of black depression
inconsistencies...schizoid....

british psychiatrist, mackarness, "not all in mind"
self-tests, removal reintroduction, some reactions, many no
provocative shots, serial dilution
repeated experience, developed consiousness of reactions, and effects

lots of theoretical inconsistencies...
allergy
testing procedures not well developed
attempts to repeat frustrated by fact that variety of factors involved not controlled,
mixed bag not taken into account, specialist get into back and forth as if one illness, when variety, mixed bag
some flaws clear to someone with high school health classes

At same time, variety of articles in literature going bak decades..."Healthy Environments for Canadians" 244 pps, 1947, 1908,

other material, trites, Lo Nature,

ecologists lumped under one title
allergists compelled to respond
others, riding on crest of fifties pop psycology
psychosomatic...when reverse true

three concerns:

a) people have been trashed, continues in some dark corners
sister...praigel, kemp "can't avoid everything"/c terrie - att suicide aborted career - music.
miriam, civic carpets
MSW marriage counselling...

MOST CRITICAL NOT TO SUGGEST OR RIDICULE THOSE WITH DEPRESSION REACTIONS AS HAS HAPPENED IN ONTARIO HOSPITALS...LED TO SUICIDES...

b) misconceptions prevent problem being dealt with

FAMILIES BROKEN UP, REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION DENIED IN WORKPLACE, CAREERS RUINED, CHILDREN INNAPPROPRIATELY DISCIPLINED, DEVELOPMENTAL PROBLEMS, INNAPPROPRIATE AGGRESSION, COPING

c) "rescue" chronic, especially psychiatric

JUST GETTING DIAGNOSIS LESSENS ANXIETY NIGHTMARE... INNAPPROPRIATE BLAMING FOR ILLNESS, SIDE EFFECTS OF DRUGS, RECIDIVISM...DEALING WITH SOFTWARE PROBLEMS WHEN HARDWARE AFFECTED....DEALING WITH HARDWARE IMBALANCES INSTEAD OF REMOVING ENVIRONMENTAL AGENT PROVOKING THEM IN SUSCEPTIBLE PEOPLE...

D) LISTEN TO PATIENT, EXPLORE WITH THOSE UNAWARE, LOOK FOR THOSE, LIKE DEAF PEOPLE, MAY BE IN WRONG PLACE BUT WHO SHOULD NOT BE LEFT THERE JUST TO COVER UP IGNORANCE OF DISORDER IN PAST.

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a) what will do? → ensure staff.
→ investigate patients -
→ alert community.

b) how will show it → letter?
→ News Conference
→ program.